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 TOPIC Military Information from the Lieberose Troop Training Grounds

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1. On 1 February 1952, Camp Jamnitz at the Lieberose (O 52/A 59) troop training grounds was occupied by a guard unit of about 100 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, were equipped with submachine guns and carbines, and were quartered in three low wooden buildings of the camp. Two officers and 15 EN, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and carrying suitcases and rucksacks, were seen leaving the camp and boarding a regular passenger train toward Cottbus. On 15 and 18 January, [Redacted] 10 low 25X1 wooden buildings, 20 meters long and 10 meters wide, had been built in the camp. Half of each building was open like a porch. Additional low wooden barracks buildings were under construction. The camp was enlarged toward the village of Leeskow, north-east of Lieberose railroad station. More low wooden barracks buildings similar to the former German Army type and open wooden sheds were being built. The area south of Leeskow was deforested to a considerable extent and a watchtower 30 to 40 meters high was built. *

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3. On 2 February, the camp in the woods near the Spitzberg (hill), which is situated 4 km south of Lieberose and just north and northeast of the Spitzberg, was occupied by 300 to 350 troops, 80 percent of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia; and 20 percent, black-bordered red epaulets. The troops were quartered in 4 low wooden barracks buildings and 5 earth bunkers. Due to heavy snowfall, the troops were restricted to interior and guard duty. On 3 January, troops were engaged in firing

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practice with three 76.2-mm infantry guns in the terrain south of the camp. Combat practice with light infantry weapons and four tanks was conducted on 14 January. [redacted] with parkas, was seen in the billeting area on 1 February.

4. On 2 February, the ammunition dump 6.5 km south of the Lieberose railroad station and east of the Lieberose-Peitz railroad line was guarded by a detail of 10 to 15 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were armed with submachine guns. The detail was billeted in a low wooden building. Two other buildings of the same type had been torn down.

5. On 2 February, a supply installation serving the units at the troops training grounds was observed between the Lieberose and Jamnitz railroad stations, north of the road to Lieberose. The bakery in the camp was operating at capacity.

6. On two days at the end of January, the Lieberose railroad station was inspected by four officers who took the measurements of the available ramps. There are 1 end-loading ramp, 1 side ramp for two cars, 1 side ramp for 3 or 4 cars and 1 makeshift ramp. [redacted] the officers came from Luebben (N 52/A 82), that the ramps would be reconditioned in February, and that one of the ramps would be enlarged as major troop contingents would be unloaded at the railroad station at the end of February 1952. *

7. On 21 January, [redacted] for the past two weeks, a total of about 100 tanks and daily shipments of infantry troops arrived at the Lieberose railroad station and left for Camp Jamnitz. The noise of firing with live ammunition was heard daily from the camp. Practice bombing at the troops training grounds was discontinued upon the arrival of the first troops. *

8. Fifteen canvas-covered T-34 tanks stood on 15 BSK-type flatcars at Lieberose railroad station. They were guarded by four sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

9. [redacted] on 19 January, [redacted] troops receiving basic infantry training in groups of up to about 30 men. A sum of 300,000 eastmarks were allotted for the further enlargement of Camp Lieberose after 1 March 1952. [redacted] *

Comment. It was previously reported that small units from Frankfurt/Oder and Fuerstenwalde started going to Lieberose for firing practice with live ammunition in mid-December 1951. [redacted] The hutment in the woods at the Spitzberg and the ammunition dump 6.5 km south of the Lieberose railroad station are reported for the first time. The information on an enlargement of the billeting capacity and an improvement of loading ramps, as stated in paragraphs 1 and 6, indicates that, in the summer of 1952, more troops may use the troop training grounds than only those of the 7th Cds Mecz Div. Previous information regarding bombing, as stated in paragraph 7, reported that five bombs were dropped on the Brand, about 6 km south of Jamnitz. [redacted]

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